# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3475
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SASHAN CHEMICALS LTD.
M.O.H. FAROOK

**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Sashan Chemicals Limited and Chemfeb Ltd. have renewed their licenses according to the norms enumerated the compliance with the judgement of Green Bench, Supreme Court with regard to control of pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; (

(c) the number of workers died in the Sashan Chemicals inside the chemical pit of the plant since its inception and the criminal cases registered and their status at present;

(d) whether the effluent and obnoxious material which is discharged into the sea is killing fish and endangering the marine life and affecting breeding ground for various species;

(e) if so, whether Government propose to close these chemical industries; and

(f) if not, the remedial measures taken by the Government in this direction?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. According to the Pondicherry Pollution Control Committee, these units have taken steps to control pollution and environmental risks.

(c) Five workers had died in 1991. Criminal prosecution was launched by the Additional District Magistrate, Pondicherry in 1991, and a conditional order for the immediate closure of the factory was passed. The unit was then allowed to be reopened by the Chief Inspector of Factories only after ensuring full safety of the unit certified by a competent team of experts, and the criminal proceedings were then dropped in June, 1992.

(d) According to the Pondicherry Pollution Control Committee, no adverse effects on marine life have been observed.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) The units are periodically monitored by the Pondicherry Pollution Control Committee to ensure compliance with the prescribed standards.